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Sent: 7/13/2017 8:55:40 PM
To: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**
Subject: RE: Proposed Dewey-Burdock Injection Wells

Thank you for emailing me your comments on the draft UIC Dewey-Burdock permitting actions. I have added your email to the list of public comments received. I have also added you to my contact list to keep you informed on future EPA activities related to these proposed actions.

Thank you!

Valois

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From: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 5:59 AM
To: Shea, Valois <Shea.Valois@epa.gov>
Subject: Proposed Dewey-Burdock Injection Wells

Dear Valois Shea:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Azarga Uranium's permit application for two Underground Injection Control wells in the Black Hills.

Before I retired as editor of *South Dakota Magazine* and contributing editor of *Nebraska Life*, I wrote in-depth investigative stories about the history of the insitu uranium mining project at Crawford, NE, the continuing threat from unreclaimed mines throughout the Black Hills and the current issues involving the proposed Dewey-Burdock project.

There are many reasons to reject the Azarga permit request. First, the threat posed by injecting waste into aquifers (the out of sight, out of mind approach to a difficult problem) is unacceptable. There is no good reason to pollute deep aquifers just because they are not currently used by man, and there is no way to assure that vital aquifers would not be polluted.

Second, there is nothing besides a few low-paying, short term jobs in this for South Dakota, but great threats to our two largest industries, agriculture and tourism.

Third, Azarga is a foreign-owned entity that hopes to exploit our resources for their short-term profit, but which will have no loyalty or long-term commitment to the region.

Fourth, No further exploitation of uranium should proceed in South Dakota until the messes left by past mining are cleaned up--which realistically is not likely to ever happen.

Fifth, the long history of companies (mostly foreign companies) exploiting our resources, then declaring bankruptcy and walking away from their messes should tell us that this cycle is likely to be repeated if Azarga is allowed to proceed.

In summary, there is no good reason to approve this permit, and many valid and critical reasons to say no. Please reject Azarga's permit request.

Sincerely yours,

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